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1. PROFESSOR F. GERALD KLINE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, VOLSPKR, ICS/DP, "MASS MEDIA AND YOUTH", "AMERICAN UNIVERSITY TRAINING FOR MASS MEDIA JOBS", "MASS MEDIA AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS". CPP - CU PORTION F-3 (PROJECT FULFILLED).
 2. QP - E, ED - E, AR - E, RO - E, FLC - N/A.
 3. KLINE HAD EXTREMELY USEFUL SESSION AT CENTER FOR YOUTH STUDIES, A RESEARCH INSTITUTE BELONGING TO UNION OF COMMUNIST YOUTH, WITH TWO LEADING RESEARCHERS WHO WORK PARALLELS KLINE'S. IN ADDITION TO EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND MATERIALS THEY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF U.S./ROMANIAN SEMINAR ON MASS MEDIA AND YOUTH NEXT YEAR TO BE HOSTED BY CENTER. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT HERE AND ONE IN WHICH WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FUTURE EXCHANGES. AMERICAN LIBRARY LECTURE ON MASS MEDIA AND U.S. POLITICAL
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PROCESS ATTRACTED TWENTY PEOPLE, ONE JOURNALIST AMONG THEM (WHO THE NEXT DAY INTERVIEWED KLINE); SELF-SELECTED AUDIENCE SHOWED LIVELY INTEREST AND MANY INTERESTING QUESTIONS FOLLOWED LECTURE. AT STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY, CP'S INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING OF CADRES, KLINE MET WITH DEAN OF JOURNALISM FACULTY FOR OVER AN HOUR, THEN LECTURED TO 75 UPPER LEVEL

STUDENTS AND FACULTY ON U.S. UNIVERSITY TRAINING IN MASS MEDIA. AGAIN, LIVELY AND LENGTHY QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWED. THE DEAN ALLOWED THAT THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS, WAS UNPRECEDENTED AND ATTRIBUTABLE TO KLINE'S FINE PRESENTATION. WE FOUND KLINE'S PRESENTATION WELL-ORGANIZED, SUCCINCT AND OF HIGH INTEREST TO ALL AUDIENCES. HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS WERE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE LATEST RESEARCH MATERIALS WHICH HE BROUGHT ALONG FOR PRESENTATION TO THEM. WE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND KLINE TO ANY POST INTERESTED IN HIS SUBJECT MATTER.

4. WE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR KLINE'S PROGRAM; RESPONSES TO REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WERE EXCEPTIONALLY LATE, SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED OR WERE CANCELLED AT LAST MOMENT (INCLUDING TWO PRIVATE MEETINGS REQUESTED WITH PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES WHOM KLINE HAS KNOWN SINCE 1970 AND WITH WHOM HE SERVES ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES -

ONE OF THESE THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF ROM TV, FINALLY ARRANGED TO MEET WITH KLINE AT HIS HOME LATE INTO THE NIGHT JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, AND HINTED AT "SOMETHING IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE" WHICH HAD PREVENTED THEIR SCHEDULED MEETING); AND THE PRESENCE OF ONLY ONE OF MORE THAN TWENTY INVITED GUESTS AT THE IO'S RECEPTION IN KLINE'S

HONOR. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY SURE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES OR HOW LONG SITUATION MAY LAST, IT APPEARS THAT FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AT LEAST, OFF-PREMISES PROGRAMMING IS EASIER TO ARRANGE AND REPRESENTATIONAL EVENTS AND SUCCESSFUL
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS MOST PROBLEMATIC. SEE ALSO BUCHAREST 2552 FOR PAO'S RECENT EXPERIENCE. SUGGEST THAT VOLSPKRSSSE MADE AWARE THAT PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE HERE MAY CAUSE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS AND "NO-SHOWS".
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